Serial No. 09/935,255

Response to Restriction/Preliminary Amendment

Under MPEP § 808.02, the Examiner, in order to establish reasons for insisting upon restriction, is required to show by appropriate explanation one of the following:

- (A) Separate classification thereof.
- (B) A separate status in the art when they are classifiable together.
- (C) A different field of search.

Applicant submits that the classification is the same and the field of search is the same, and there is no clear indication of separate future classification and field of search.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests an appropriate explanation of the separate classifications, of the separate status in the art, or the different fields of search that necessitate the separation of the claims into 32 species classes.

<u>Preliminary Amendment</u>. Prior to substantive examination, Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the above-referenced application.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached replacement sheets submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). A blacklined version is enclosed to illustrate the amendments to the claims.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-57 and 73-121 are pending. Claims 97-121 (depending from Claim 1) have been added. Support for the newly added claims is in the original claims as filed.

The claims have been amended to replace the term "species" with the term "gas." No new matter is added with these amendments.

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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